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Dear Examiner Harris:

Thank you for the Office Action dated March 25, 2003. Please enter these amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging p.19-20 with the following:

Animal Surgery and Tumor Kinetic Studies. Animal experiments are conducted in accordance with National Institutes of Health Animal Care and Use Guidelines. Six- to eight-week old male C57BL/6 mice are obtained from The Jackson Laboratory. When tumor base area achieves ~~250 mm<sup>2</sup>~~ 250mm<sup>2</sup>, 6 weeks after C2 cell injection, mice are anesthetized and tumors resected. In Experiment 1, C2 tumors are removed by sharply incising the skin immediately adjacent to the tumor base and then shelling the tumor out from its investing tissues. To further diminish local tumor recurrence (experiments 2 and 3) the surgical procedure is modified by widening the resection margin around the tumor to 0.5 cm. Additionally, the anterior limit of tumor resection is extended to the fascia of the back musculature, and the lateral margins